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Northampton's Building Commissioner Announces Retirement after 15 Years of Service; Assistant Commissioner Nominated

NORTHAMPTON - The City of Northampton's Building Commissioner, Louis Hasbrouck, has announced his retirement, effective June 19, 2020, after a 15-year career with the city. A lifelong resident of the Pioneer Valley, Commissioner Hasbrouck joined the Northampton Building Department as an inspector in 2005 and was appointed building commissioner in 2010.

Mayor David J. Narkewicz said, "On behalf of the residents of Northampton, I would like to extend sincere gratitude to Commissioner Hasbrouck for his years of dedication to our city and the safety of its residents and businesses. Louis earned the respect of homeowners, builders, and developers alike for his integrity, fair-mindedness, and commitment to finding solutions to ensure successful projects. Northampton has experienced significant economic growth during his tenure and Louis played a critical role in our efforts to ensure that development was responsible, sustainable, and in keeping with the character of the community."

In speaking on his retirement, Commissioner Hasbrouck said, "It's been an honor to serve the City of Northampton as inspector and building commissioner. I'd like to thank all the public officials and city employees I've had the good fortune to work with during my time with the city, especially the Building Department staff. I've truly enjoyed these past 15 years. I look forward to new challenges and the chance to reinvent myself in the next phase of my life. I can only hope it will be as rewarding as this experience has been."

Mayor Narkewicz intends to promote and appoint Assistant Building Commissioner Jonathan Flagg to the position of building commissioner, subject to confirmation by the City Council. Assistant Commissioner Flagg has been with the department since 2019, coming from the City of Easthampton, where he served as building commissioner for three years. Prior to Easthampton, Flagg served as building commissioner for the City of Westfield since 2010, and as a local building inspector from 2007 until his promotion.

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